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Wednesday

Dear Children

Your letters rec. last night. Glad to hear Millie that you stand first, if for no other reason, because it gratifies Papa so much.

I really do sympathise with you both in the busy times that you are having and wish I could be there to help you "Keep cool;" if I could not help you any other way.

It is too bad about the reception, but as it is in the evening I have no doubt Mr. Sill will be present. I dont admire the idea of a French oration or Latin

Mellie Stevens has had to leave school on account of her eyes. Paralysis of the eye. Mary Hilton has ulcers on the eye. Laura Lynch is better, but not entirely well. The ditch for irrigating has progressed as far as Mr. Clough's land. They say they will have water at this place in 10 days. We had a lecture from Mrs. Bishop last Sabbath eve on the subject of Temperance. First time I ever heard a woman speak in public and did not impress me favorably. I mean in a set public speech. Did Charlie tell you they sent him $10, as fee that Flower voices? I trimmed the skirt of your linen dress according to directions but I dont like it so well as two ruffles to be fluted. I dont know when I can send this private so send by express. Your Mamma.

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salutatory but that is
Mr. McChesney's business
not yours or mine and
I would not fret about
it if I were you.

I am glad Annie you
had that trip about the
bay. Never mind the
freckles, you would
have had those any
way as soon as you
came home.

Charlie has gone
for a trip to Navarro.
Cousin Lue offered
him free passage on
one of Mr. T's schooners
He will be gone about
a week. He rec. a line from
Lue last night too late
for him to take passage
on the evening train

saying that the schooner
would go out today, and
so he took a went down
on a freight train, would
reach City about 10. O'clock.
I did not think best to
send your dress by him
for fear it would be lost.
I concluded to take the
skirt of your light dress down
and have Mrs. Bury put the
trimming on. I shall have
it home next Tuesday. All the
rest is done.

I was very glad Charlie had
the opportunity to go up the Coast,
he had his heart very much set
upon going to Yosemite, but
gave it up because we did not
think it best,

Mr and Mrs. Clough really
are going East very soon.

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